

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) A data processing device for processing an input content data to produce an output content data, comprising:

a first detector for detecting a permission limiting watermark from the input content data;

a second detector for detecting an additional watermark from the input content data,

wherein the additional watermark is inserted when an original content is copied; and

a controller for producing the output content data from the input content data when the permission limiting watermark and the additional watermark are both detected and prohibiting production of the output content data when the permission limiting watermark is detected and the additional watermark is not detected; and

a third detector for detecting a type of a medium storing the input content data,

wherein,

when the medium is writable, the controller produces the output content data from the input content data when the permission limiting watermark and the additional watermark are both detected and prohibits production of the output content data when the permission limiting watermark is detected and the additional watermark is not detected,

when the medium is not writable, the controller unconditionally produces the output content data from the input content data.

11. (Currently Amended) The data processing device according to claim [[1]] 10, wherein the input content data is compressed data conforming to MPEG standard.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The data processing device according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 10, wherein the input content data is digital data corresponding to an analog composite signal.

Claims 14-18 (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A playback permission method comprising the steps of:

- determining whether a permission limiting watermark is embedded in content data stored in a medium;
- determining whether an additional watermark is embedded in the content data, wherein the additional watermark is inserted when the content data is copied;
- detecting a type of a medium storing the content;
 - when the medium is writable,
 - permitting playback of the content when the permission limiting watermark and the additional watermark are both detected; and
 - prohibiting playback of the content when the permission limiting watermark is detected and the additional watermark is not detected; and
 - when the medium is not writable, unconditionally permitting playback of the content.